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Craving Cuba

Film Screening and Discussion with Director Zuzelin Martin Lynch

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 | 7:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Graham Center 150

Craving Cuba is a documentary film about the Cuban-American experience and its complicated relationship with Cuba. It explores identity and what it means to be and become American in a time when the whole world is obsessed with Cuba. This is a story about identity, family, exile, and hope. Follow the journey of a Cuban-American woman who has never been to Cuba. Although she has always felt very American, there was always a strong pull to the other half of her identity. Like most in the exiled community, she grew up not being able to go to Cuba. After the December 17, 2014 announcement by President Barack Obama, everything changed.

Released in February 2016, the film has been accepted to eight film festivals and won an Audience Best Documentary Feature Award at its World Premiere at the Gasparilla International Film Festival. Among those interviewed in the film are actor Carlos Ponce, journalist Soledad O'Brien, novelist Cristina García, actress Carmen Peláez, author Ana Sofía Peláez, father Alberto Cutié, opera singer Eglise Gutiérrez, Raúl Moas (former executive director of Roots of Hope), and Guarioné Díaz, founding director of the Cuban American National Council.

Zuzelin Martin Lynch is a Cuban-American filmmaker, writer, and producer who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. Born and raised in Elizabeth, N.J., and heavily influenced by her grandparents, she attributes her passion and drive to her Cuban roots. Her fascination with bicultural identity inspired the making of *Craving Cuba* and previous works, including the award-winning web series, *Cooking for the Clueless* and *Fridays with Fabio*.

This event is free and open to the public.

To confirm your attendance and for more information, please call (305) 348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.